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## Easter egg hunt prepares to roll

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University of the Incarnate Word students could find prizes amid childhood memories as they search the campus Thursday, April 1, for more than 200 hidden eggs.

The second annual Easter Egg Hunt – sponsored by Marian Hall Student Center – runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. between the bridge over the San Antonio River and the Administration Building, the student and wellness center.

Students who are limited to one egg each can take an egg found with a number in it to the student center to claim prizes such as candy bags, T-shirts and dorm goodies. The grand prize is an Apple iPod Shuffle.

## Four-way stoplight likely to stay at Broadway-Burr

By Teresa Velasco  
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Although the 90-day study of the Broadway-Burr crosswalk ends April 1, it looks like the 23-second, four-way stoplight is here to stay, a University of the Incarnate Word safety administrator said.

Regardless of the outcome of the study, the stoplight that was installed during the study should stick around, said Lou Fox, special assistant to UIW President Dr. Lou Agnese Jr.

The City of San Antonio Public Works Department is still in the process of measuring the number of pedestrians using the crosswalk, as well as cars and motorist speed.

This is the same crosswalk where last Nov. 3, two UIW students were struck by a vehicle.

UIW also has proposed not allowing right turns on red on Broadway so no cars will be allowed to move at any time for the protection of pedestrians, Fox said.

“Up to this point I have gotten a lot of good reviews from professors and students saying they are happy with the light change and I believe safety has improved immensely,” Fox said.

Many students and faculty members cross the street at the Broadway-Burr intersection every day going to and from Kathleen Watson Center, which includes the admissions, public relations, payroll, human resources, counseling, ADCAP and online university and human

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## Students slow on 'cash' survey

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Less than half of eligible University of the Incarnate Word students have responded thus far to an online survey that could win them \$100 to \$500, an administrator said.

Last month, the National Survey of Student Engagement began making its way into the Cardinal e-mail accounts of randomly selected seniors and freshmen, said Dr. Stephen Wilson, assistant to the provost.

“A little less than 44 percent of the freshmen and senior students eligible to participate in the survey have completed the survey,” Wilson said.

Students have until early May to respond and get a shot in a raffle at winning one \$500 American Express gift card, two \$250 cards, or 10 gift cards worth \$100 each just for participating in the survey, Wilson said.

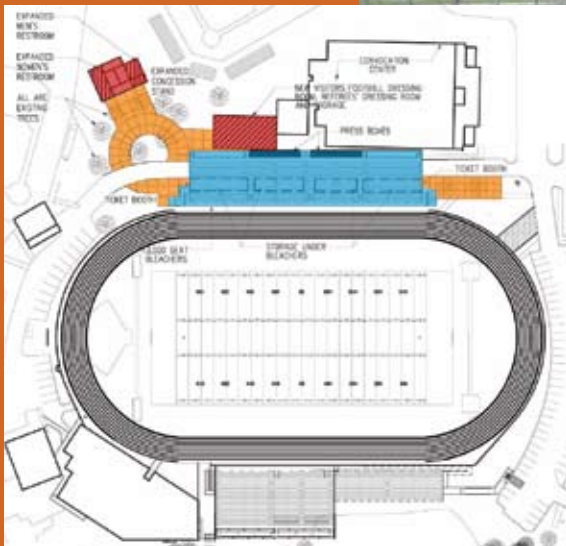
The survey is a dependable and relatively simple instrument for UIW and its Assessment Committee, headed by Wilson, to measure numerous facets of undergraduates' college experience at UIW. Ultimately, the results of the survey will help the committee evaluate UIW's overall educational success.

Wilson said the survey is concise and takes only a few minutes to complete. It takes random samples of UIW's

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## Construction begins on stadium addition

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Traffic is flowing in a more circular motion around Alice McDermott Convocation Center while construction continues on an addition to Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium.

About 3,000 more seats will be added to the opposite-field grandstand -- see graphic at left -- which also will provide lockers for the visiting team and room for referees. The project is expected to be completed in time for the fall kickoff Aug. 28. The Cardinals move to Lone Star Conference Play this season.

## UIW names police chief, deputy chief

By Rachel Cywinski  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A veteran Campus Police officer is now the chief and he's got a deputy chief, too, at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Jacob Colunga, a former captain, is now head of the department. And Chris Tingwald is his deputy chief.

Lou Fox, special assistant to UIW President Lou Agnese Jr., announced the promotions. In his announcement, Fox said, “Chief Colunga will manage the day-to-day operations of the UIW Police Department,

whose jurisdiction extends to the university, St. Anthony Catholic High School and Incarnate Word High School. Deputy Chief Tingwald's responsibilities will include coordinating the objectives of the administration of the police department and the law enforcement efforts under the control and jurisdiction of UIW. I will continue to supervise the UIW Police Department in my capacity as



Chief Jacob Colunga

assistant to the president for community relations and campus security.”

The naming of the two men this semester is an apparent turnaround from last summer when Fox announced the elimination



Deputy Chief Chris Tingwald

of the position of UIW police chief, then held by the retiring Joe Ramos.

Fox, a former San Antonio city manager, moved into Ramos' old office at the police station in Clement Hall.

Colunga said the department needed a designated police chief because without one the department was excluded from important community organizations. Tingwald said the new titles were important “for our relationship with the community and especially other police departments. Certain doors open to chief of police in collaborations. (Our) duties are not that different, but your circle of influence

increases.”

Colunga and Tingwald said they have placed priority on maintaining community relations to benefit the department. For example, UIW has the only police department continuing to participate in the Bexar County Community Plan. One benefit of the department's participation is the granting of preferred status for any grant applications it submits to the U.S. Department of Justice.

While he was still cap-

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Have you heard the news?

compiled by April Lynn Downing, managing editor

## Obama Administration pushes to continue support Merida Initiative with an additional \$310 million

A meeting about drug cartels and violence on the border with Mexican officials meant to take place for months finally did Tuesday, March 23. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton led the meeting about the Merida Initiative, enacted three years ago to train police and prosecutors to battle organized crime in Mexico. The Obama Administration wants Congress to continue to support the initiative with \$310 million on top of the \$1.4 billion spent over the last three years. No new proposals arose from the meeting to help Mexico end the violence.



## Osama sends video to officials, gets little reaction



Osama bin Laden, left, sent another tape to officials, but the terrorist seems to be losing his threatening countenance. Bin Laden states that if the United States executes captured al-Qaeda members, namely Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, right, (plotter of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks), then al-Qaeda will deal with their American captives the same way. Officials are not threatened anymore than before as it wasn't like any American captives would survive al-Qaeda's hands. Currently, there is only one known American captive by a Taliban group, U.S. soldier Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl. Mohammed has expressed the desire to die as a martyr and will be tried before a military tribunal instead of the planned civilian court in New York City.



## "Don't ask, don't tell" policy is relaxed while waiting for review

The Pentagon announces that the rules of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy will be relaxed until December when Congress is supposed to overturn or change the policy. While in the relaxed policy state, the military will not investigate anonymous complaints about someone’s sexual orientation, will restrict testimonies from third parties and high-ranking officers will have to review all cases.

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tain, Colunga began plans to implement an online reporting system. The Silent Witness program, which is shared with Residence Life and Facilities, “is working well,” he said. “We are getting some reports from students who were afraid to reveal their names and would not have walked into the office.”

A program Colunga had begun to enhance relations between police and Residence Life has been revised. Tingwald said, “The Active and Passive program has two officers dedicated to addressing dorm resident needs, and we have good community relations.”

## Survey from pg. 1

student population and distributes survey invites to those selected. The survey questions students about their activities inside and outside the classroom, the quality of their relationships with fellow students and UIW’s faculty, how they feel UIW has contributed to their development, and other educationally meaningful

observations.

(The survey) sends out periodic e-mails to students to encourage their participation,” Wilson said. “The next scheduled e-mail is April 5. We’re coming to the end of the open period of the survey, as we draw near to the end of school. The free money is waiting.”

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resources offices.

Andrea Cyterski-Acosta, dean of enrollment, said, “UIW is committed to making the changes necessary to keep students, faculty and others safe when crossing Broadway. The 23-second cross signal gives you enough time to safely walk across the street without fear of being hit by a car. Student and administrators are a little less anxious when they need to travel back and forth across both sides of Broadway.”

Senior Arianna Ingle, a work-study in the Office of Public Relations, agreed. “There has been about three or four times where I was just inches away from getting hit by a car, and so I do feel a lot safer and not so rushed when crossing the street,” said Ingle, a communication art major. “But I also feel like they took too long of a time to do something about it. But I’m glad they did. It was a complete disaster before the installment.”

### BROKEN GLASS

JOSH SANCHEZ/  
LOGOS CAMPUS  
EDITOR

A reported spate of spring car burglaries have taken place since students returned from spring break.

This vehicle was found broken in Monday, March 29, between Sullivan Field and the practice soccer fields.

The Logos attempted to get more information from Campus Police at press time.



YESENIA CALOCA/LOGOS STAFF

Surrounded by other administrators, Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., president of the University of the Incarnate Word, answers a question at the March 22 forum.

## SGA Forum runs gamut on campus issues

By Lexi Salazar  
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Parking, Internet access and campus safety were the primary issues students raised with University of the Incarnate Word administrators at the Student Government Association’s spring open forum.

“First, I’m going to talk about (construction) you may (want to) know about,” Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., UIW’s president, said in opening up the March 8 forum in Marian Hall Student Center.

Then Agnese – accompanied by 12 other members of the UIW staff, including representatives from the campus police,

Sodexo and the financial aid office – updated the gathering on plans to expand seating at Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium, renovate the Nursing Building and a proposal for a new Fine Arts Center.

But student concerns started first with the efficiency of wireless Internet access on campus. One student contended St. Mary’s University’s Internet access was superior to UIW’s.

“Wash your mouth out with soap,” Agnese jokingly responded, before deferring to Dr. Jim Parlett, chief information officer, for further help.

Parlett agreed there are

problems with the wireless Internet and said actions are being taken to “put in a higher level right after classes end this summer.”

A commuter brought up her concerns with safely walking to her car after late-night classes.

“Clearly I’m a big girl,” the student said. “No one would want to snatch me up.”

Students were told they could call campus police for an escort if they feel unsafe walking to their cars and that installing security cameras in the parking garages is a possibility.

Another commuter asked why they can’t get priority parking which al-

lows them to park on the side of the San Antonio River closer to their classrooms.

“Do (resident students) get priority parking because they are paying more money?” the student asked.

Agnese explained the security standpoint of the priority parking issue, and the importance for residents to be “close to their building when they got back” at night.

Agnese did make it clear there was no reserved parking, however.

“I’m the only person with a reserved parking spot -- because I’m so handsome and debonair,” he joked.

## SGA extends deadline for 2010 candidates

The Student Government Association has extended the deadline for those seeking elected positions until noon Thursday, April 1. SGA President Denise D. Hernandez

announced.

A mandatory meeting for candidates is planned at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the conference room of Marian Hall Student Center,

Hernandez said.

Campaigns will be conducted April 5-9 with voting April 7-9.

The deadline for appointed position applications is noon April 9.

## TRIO Student Success Program seeks mentors

The TRIO Student Success Program is seeking mentors, an administrator said.

Applications for the paid positions

will be accepted until 5 p.m. April 9, said Stephanie Kopecky Vasquez, program counselor.

For more information, go by the

TRIO office in AD 225, call (210) 805-5812, e-mail Vasquez at skvasque@uiwtx.edu or visit www.uiw.edu/trio and click the “Mentor Employment” link.





## ‘Cutting Edge’ celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> year Fiesta function set April 19 for Marriott Rivercenter



By Maureen Johnson  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

With Feista around the corner, the University of the Incarnate Word's Fashion Department proudly anticipates the 2010 "Cutting Edge Fashion Show."

The runway will light up Monday, April 19 at Marriot Rivercenter Hotel.

This year marks the show's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and like last year, will begin with a raffle at 10 a.m. followed by the main event at 11:30. If it's as exciting as the previous year, you definitely won't want to miss out. It's only \$25 to see the show and all proceeds fund scholarships for the fashion merchandising program.

UIW student designers will showcase collections designed from the illustration to the construction process. It gets better. Each student has complete artistic control over the theme of their collection. Guess we'll have to wait and see what UIW's aspiring designers have in mind for the catwalk.

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And in the spirit of Fiesta, here's a peek at some new arrivals, sure to spice up the month of April!

1. Straw Floppy Hat, [stylesforless.com](http://stylesforless.com), \$13; 2. Sequin Clutch, Betsey Johnson, \$110; 3. Bunny Stud Earrings, Juicy Couture, \$42; 4. Color Play 5 in 1, Sephora, \$29.50; 5. Striped Bandeau Dress, French Connection, \$110; 6. Cardigan, karenmillen.com, \$120; 7. Multi-Colored Kankan High Heel shoes, [debenhams.com](http://debenhams.com), \$210; 8. Juicy Couture floral ring, [nordstrom.com](http://nordstrom.com), \$48; 9. Alice in Wonderland Tea Party Bracelet, [zappos.com](http://zappos.com), \$155; 10. Floral headband, Nordstrom.com, \$38.

## Haiti hits UIW

*How students are coping with Haiti's devastating earthquake*

### UIW raises money for quake victims

By Laura Ellis  
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The devastation after Haiti's earthquake spurred two Greek organizations at the University of the Incarnate Word to raise money on campus.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority joined forces Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the circle outside Marian Hall by hosting a support table.

"I was watching CNN, and I couldn't watch the TV anymore," said Justin Ryan Gomez, a Lambda Chi Alpha member who coordinated the table. "I thought we should set up the booth. My fraternity was behind me and we partnered with a close sorority and decided to come together and do the event."

A Facebook group, as well as fliers distributed all around campus, raised awareness about the fundraiser.

A bucket with the title "Change for Haiti" sat on the table as students passed by and gave their

extra change or dollar bills. Gomez said the fraternity and sorority were very pleased at the turnout.

All of the donations were sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS prides itself on being "efficient, effective and accountable," according to its website, which also states 94 percent of the funds the charity raises goes directly to the countries in need.

CRS possesses the tools needed to quickly distribute food, emergency supplies and information to areas that are hit with disaster. Right now, the main focus is Haiti. In fact, the website has been altered for the past few weeks to center on Haiti.

"My deepest sympathies go to the country and the children of Haiti," Gabrielle "Gabby" Guereca, an undergraduate and an onlooker of the fundraiser, said. "I think it's great the youth of our nation (are) trying to stand up and help the people in need."

### Nursing student loses two relatives in Haiti

By Laura Ellis  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Haiti is home to Evelyne Alden, a nursing student at the University of the Incarnate Word, so she's still coping with her grandmother and uncle's death to the earthquake.

"I knew something was wrong when I had multiple missed calls from different family members," Alden said. Because of the lack of communication, she could not reach her family for several days after the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake.

"The first day was hell," Alden said. "Phone lines were down and we had no idea what was going on with our family. We were panicking after a while. The pictures and video on the news were very disturbing."

After a few days of

searching and waiting for updates, she learned of her grandmother's and uncle's fate from surviving relatives.

"My uncle, Dieujuste, was in town for only two days and he was caught in a building collapse," Alden said. "[My uncles] Yves and Frederick found him alive, but because of all the chaos, they were unable to get him help, and he bled to death in the back seat of their car. My grandmother was found in her home that day as well. She did not make it."

The majority of Alden's family resides in Haiti. In particular, her mother's side of the family is primarily from Port-au-Prince, the capital of the island nation.

Rubble from government buildings, hospitals, schools and a prison filled the streets of Haiti

immediately following the quake. Military forces and missionary teams have been dispatched to help the local people. The earthquake left an estimated 1.5 million people homeless and an estimated 200,000 people dead. Pictures show adults and children in tears with substantial injuries while standing amid the destruction.

Many have evacuated Haiti to gain some relief. Nearly 2,500 Haitians and Haitian-Americans have landed in Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

"My uncles are sleeping in their car," Alden said. "No one wants to go into their homes because they're still having aftershocks. People are sleeping in tents or open fields - lots out of fear."





JANE CLAIRE VOSTEEN/LOGOS STAFF

Many employers and hundreds of University of the Incarnate Word students met each other from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Rosenberg SkyRoom at the annual job fair sponsored by the Office of Career Services on Thursday, March 4.

# Annual job fair attracts hundreds

By Ashley Perez  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Several hundred University of the Incarnate Word students met more than 75 employers set up Thursday, March 4, in Rosenberg SkyRoom for the annual job fair sponsored by the Office of Career Services.

Companies such as Valero Energy Corp., American Red Cross, News 4 WOAI, and USAA conversed with students about career opportunities, internships, and flexible schedules.

"We're looking for top-talent folks who really want to be onboard with what Apple is doing, which is changing the world with great technology," Apple Store Team Member Josh Caballero said.

"Passionate people who

are passionate about our products and our customers are also important," Apple Store Senior Manager Cynthia Potter added.

Career Services estimated more than 700 job-seekers, representing a variety of majors, attended during the event which ran from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It was the first time the job fair had been held in the SkyRoom.

Career Services spent several months putting the fair together and registration was free for the companies. Career Services also prepped students for the job fair, offering individual and group sessions on selling themselves, resumes, interviewing and other techniques. The office also arranged for an all-day shuttle run from the lower campus

to the McCombs Building and offered door prizes.

To prepare for next year's fair, "We have already begun planning (it)," Katie Louma, assistant director of Career Services said. "We are collecting data from both student and employer surveys which Career Services will use in the planning process for next year to help us continually improve."

Business administration major Michelle Gibbs said she did her homework for this year's job fair. "I re-did my resume, looked up what companies would be here and saw if any interested me when I researched," she said. "Many of them jumped out at me during my research."

And Gibbs said she was prepared to compete.

"Competition isn't a big deal anymore," she said. "I've been competing with these people for four years. I tried to get here early at 10 so I could be one of the first ones to meet the companies."

Some recruiters such as Dallas Police Senior Cpl. Laura Browning, representing her department, offered advice at her table to students who are still unsure exactly what career path to take.

"Your career is going to be based on your experience," said Browning, adding she was a journalism major in college. "You start where you can in some fields. You build on your experiences and as a cop you get a lot of opportunities to do many things. You can apply the degree anywhere. Commu-

nication skills are important. If you have a career in mind you need to find someone in that field and ask them how they became successful in that field because they just don't hand out the big jobs to anyone. You have to work your way up."

How competitive is it nowadays? Greg Koelfgen, news director of KABB Fox 29 and My 35, said he received more than 200 applications and DVDs of applicants' footage for a sports reporter-photographer position.

"That's the world everyone's competing for jobs," Koelfgen.

In the communication business, Koelfgen said, it's essential to learn how to multitask and the people who have the higher po-

sitions must start at the bottom to work their way up the corporate ladder. He also welcomed news about a convergent media concentration coming this fall to the Department of Communication Arts at UIW.

"It's harder for the newbies coming in," Koelfgen said. "They're having to shoot, edit, write and report their own stuff and even post it to Facebook and Twitter. That's convergence right there."

His colleague, Promotional Director Azalia Hoelting, added: "More companies are looking for someone who can write, edit, and put an event together. They look for someone who can bring a lot to the table."

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# Groups observe World Water Day

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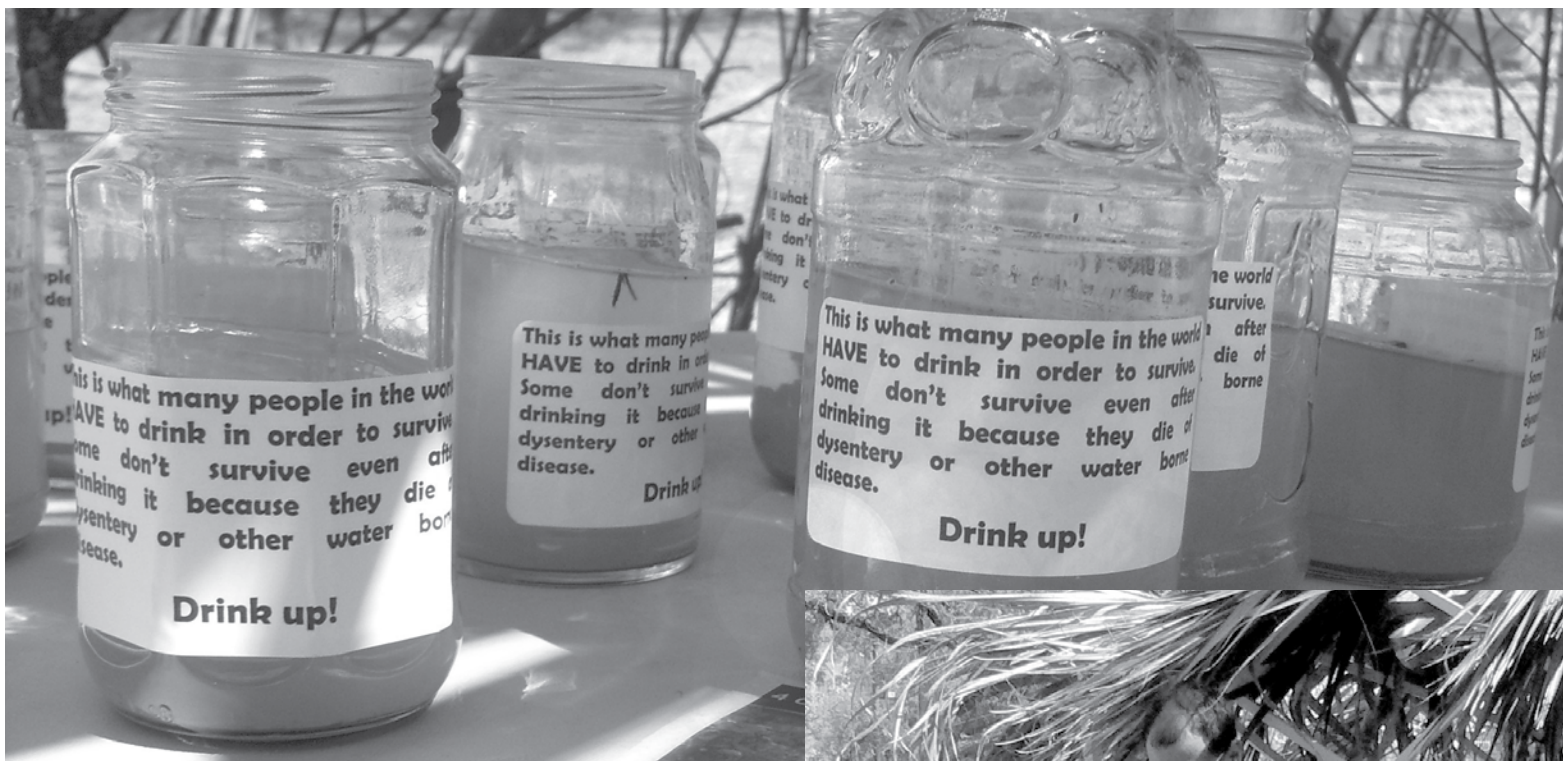
University of the Incarnate Word students and some guest elementary pupils “walked on water” to observe World Water Day on Monday, March 22, in a collaborative effort sponsored by several groups.

The Headwaters Coalition – a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word – joined with Students Taking Action for Darfur Now (STAND), Dreeben School of Education, UIW Earth Month Committee and University Mission and Ministry to observe the day.

During a brief walk near the San Antonio River headwaters, students were warned about the dangers of drinking dirty water contaminated with parasites; carry five-gallon containers of water uphill; and give up coffee, soda and beer for two weeks. The students’ momentary discomfort was part of an activity aimed at raising awareness of the global need for clean drinking water and the need to help worldwide.

Participants met at the footbridge that crosses the river, where Dr. Kathleen Martin, a pharmaceutical sciences professor at John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy, and Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a religious studies professor, led devotions. The group walked to a makeshift tent where Robert Rodriguez, president of Students Taking Action Now for Darfur (STAND), passed around jars of water with parasites.

Participants were asked to give up all beverages other than water for



RACHEL CYWINSKI/LOGOS STAFF  
Dirty water samples on display tell stories about what many people in the world drink.

two weeks and donate the money they would have spent to STAND. STAND’s “H<sub>2</sub>O Challenge” is raising money for its water intervention project in Gulu. In July, Rodriguez and two other STAND officers, former UIW English professor Dr. Sally Baynton and 15 students from Antonian High School will build a clean water system in the northern province of Uganda.

Rodriguez encouraged students to fight the “silent genocide of unclean water.” He described the danger to African women and children who are raped and murdered trying to carry water to their villages. In solidarity, Walk on Water participants raced up and down a nearby hill, carrying containers of water.

“People have it really hard just

to get some water,” sophomore biology major Karla Tostado said. “That was heavy!”

Junior music education major George Reyes said, “It was a good experience to show me how water is so valuable; what people have to go through there just to get water.”

Students continued the walk to the Blue Hole, where springs emerge to form the San Antonio River. There Campus University and Ministry Director Beth Villarreal and multimedia specialist Adela Gott led devotions.

STAND officer Claire Robinson, a freshman elementary education major, said the message of the event was: “Don’t waste water. Don’t pollute. Be grateful for water in the United States.”



STAND’s president, Robert Rodriguez, tells visiting elementary students about water ills.

## Panel praises immersion for ‘Women of Courage’

By Annette Marroquin  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Women of courage can be found all over the world. On Tuesday, March 23, students and faculty gathered in Marian Hall Ballroom to hear some immersion experiences.

The purpose of the discussion was to enhance the understanding of a diverse community, to strengthen cultural sensitivity and step “outside the box” and expand comfort with the people of diverse backgrounds.

To get the full feel of an immersion experience you need to “really look and see the other person,” said Dr. Sharon Herbers, an education professor at the University of the Incarnate Word. Herbers joined an immersion experience in the Appalachians. There, she found a woman of courage named Maxine Walker.

After going through a difficult time in her life and seeing others suffer, Walker decided to step up to the plate, form a leadership support group and became the president of the group. Her courage inspired her

hometown to keep their faith up.

Another immersion experience took place in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, for Dr. Alison Buck, an adjunct faculty member in UIW’s Dreeben School of Education.

The poverty in the Mexican region is abundant and there are not many resources for the people to take advantage of, Buck said. Helping people in Mexico involves helping eight Methodist churches, and three orphanages, including one special-needs orphanage for adults. “That’s the one that tugs my heart the most,” said Buck.

“Immersion experiences are wonderful,” said Dr. Jessica Kimmel, a UIW education professor, who has been to Jerusalem nine times on immersion experiences. “I have never been threatened, or hurt.”

When in Jerusalem, Kimmel and Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a religious studies professor, cover their heads to be courteous and respect the culture as the native women cover their heads.

“There are so many different ways to worship God and it’s amazing,” Kimmel said. “We don’t need to put our American values onto them.”

The women of courage Kimmel encountered in Jerusalem are called The Women in Black. They stand up to the Palestinians and are involved with the peace movement. The women carry around a huge sign that reads: “We refuse to be enemies.”

“I think that is so profound,” Kirk said.

“A big part of being in an immersion experience is taking the time to jot down things you learn,” said UIW student Vanessa Seifert, UIW student. Her immersion experiences have been over an eight-year span and continue until this day, she said.

“Student-to-student, I want to encourage you to have an immersion experience,” Seifert said.

Women of courage say “We refuse to be enemies, we refuse to use weapons,” Kirk said. “For Christian children, for all the children in the world we need to come together.”

## 24-hour Pray-a-thon

RACHEL CYWINSKI/LOGOS STAFF

Campus Ministry started its annual Prayathon the morning after Ash Wednesday. Concerts, community and individual prayers and make-a-rosary (or cross bracelet) activities highlighted the day’s activities on Dubuis Lawn. Sister Eilish Ryan closed the afternoon’s activities with a prayer session for inner healing of participants. The evening included concerts on Dubuis Lawn and in Our Lady’s Chapel, and overnight prayer and adoration in Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

BELOW: Revelation, a University Ministry and Mission band, leads 24-Hour Prayathon participants in praise in afternoon sun shining Feb. 18 on Dubuis Lawn.





## Credit history dominates criminal check



By Rachel Cywinski  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

In August 2007, I was hired as a graduate tutor at the Learning Assistance Center. Human Resources staff asked me to complete a background check form.

I was pleased to know my school was protecting the students. I read the form. I no longer felt protected.

"Why are there so many pages about credit history and none about criminal background check?" I asked. The response: the background check was only done because some university vendors required employees have good credit history.

My supervisor kept asking HR when I could start work. Response: when the background check gets returned. In October they notified her the completed check had been overlooked in my personnel file and I could start work.

In August 2009, I changed departments and became assistant manager of the Mathematics Tutoring Lab. Our department chair was notified that all employees needed to complete a background check form. I contacted HR. What happened to the check in my file? They found it.

In January 2010, HR could no longer find the file. I went to fill out a new background check form. I was required to agree PreCheck, Inc. (the university's contractor) would obtain information from "files of insurance companies," for potential "release and dissemination of information that is false and untrue" which "will not be verified by PreCheck, Inc." and that I would not do anything to hold the university liable if my employment was denied. As an attorney friend said, "Only a fool would sign that."

I struck out the offending phrases and gave the form to Bob Kuntz, director of human resources. Kuntz refused to accept it and told the dean of our

department I was "ineligible for employment."

I asked Cynthia Escamilla, the university legal counsel, why she is requiring employees to agree the university can slander or libel them, and she said they just required whatever PreCheck required. I asked why the university has authorized me to drive its vehicles as a volunteer if I cannot be employed due to protecting my reputation, and she said it was a different department.

Being only an amateur at background checks and having only the Internet, it took me nearly 20 seconds to discover PreCheck is a firm lacking credentials for this work. Its website reads: "PreCheck Inc. is an investigation firm that provides comprehensive credentialing and background verification services exclusively for the healthcare industry." Its website links to corporate partner Horty Springer, self-described as "the first law firm to devote its practice exclusively to health law and health care organizations."

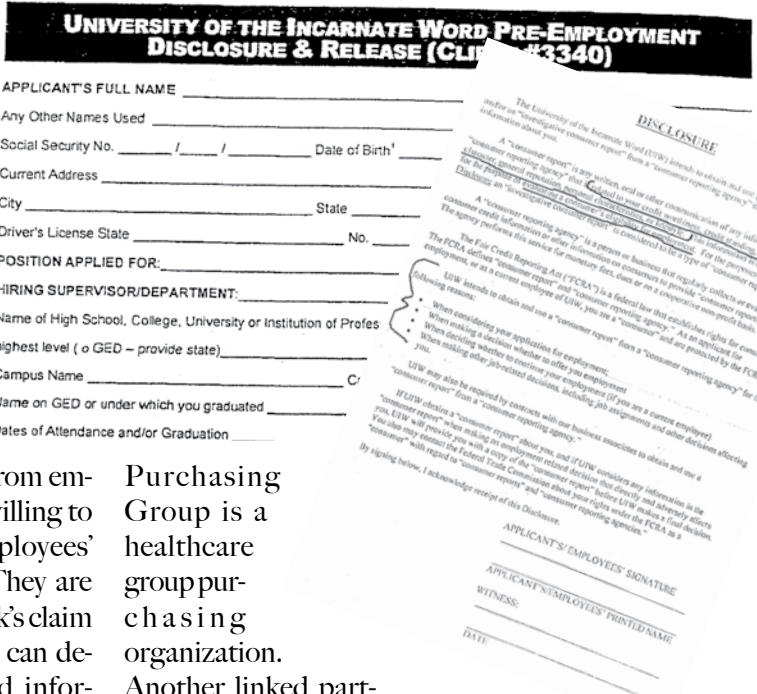
PreCheck obtains its



information free from employers who are willing to divulge their employees' salary histories. They are lured by PreCheck's claim that their "system can deliver the required information far more quickly, speeding up the approvals your employees need for loan or mortgage applications, apartment rentals and other important transactions."

I contacted PreCheck administrators and asked how this qualified them to perform background checks on university employees and graduate students. Zach Daigle, PreCheck vice president of sales and marketing, agreed to talk on the phone but not to give information to print.

PreCheck corporate partner HealthTrust



Purchasing Group is a healthcare group purchasing organization.

Another linked partner states: "We are concerned that these practices [use of criminal records] do not appropriately protect employment applicants from avoidable harm."

The university does not claim its "background check" is making us students safer. So what's the purpose? Kuntz told me all current and future employees will be required to run this "check" every three years. What's the purpose? As I told Kuntz in person, no reputable employer would deliberately obtain false information about employees and make employment decisions based

upon that. So what is the reason for this "check"?

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, there is one primary reason that employers want to access medical records and insurance files: to discriminate against employees and potential employees with physical disabilities. I happen to be a student with a physical disability. And now I am a former employee of this university.

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## Cornell suicides: Warning for college students



By Rachel Walsh  
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Any issue becomes more pressing in the face of tragedy, and the problem of suicide among college students is no exception.

This March, three Cornell University students committed suicide -- two of them on consecutive days -- in the gorges surrounding the campus. There were also three suicides during the fall semester. The commu-

nity is "shaken," one student told the *New York Times*, and the administration is taking measures to reach out to students.

An article in the *Cornell Daily Sun* said temporary fencing has been put up around the campus and is watched by security guards at all times. In addition, professors are reaching out to students in class, and President David J. Skorton placed a full-page ad in the *Sun* encouraging students to seek help when needed. The Cornell administration plans to consult students in order to develop a long-term strategy for preventing suicide.

National statistics predict

two suicides would take place a year at a university with about 20,000 students (the size of Cornell), so six in one year so far with three happening within a month is definite cause for concern.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) provides advice on its website about how to recognize warning signs of suicide and what to do if you think someone you know may be at risk of committing suicide.

Potential indicators of suicide include depression symptoms (withdrawal, loss of energy, expressions of hopelessness and extreme pessimism, etc.),

increased alcohol or drug use and a greater degree of impulsive or risk-taking behavior. Also, if someone you know tries to give away his or belongings or purchase something that could be used to commit suicide, such as a gun or pills, it's vital to talk to him or her and find out what is going on.

Most importantly, take any threat of suicide seriously. The AFSP reports 50-75 percent of people who ultimately commit suicide give warning, so if someone you know seems suicidal, do everything you can to persuade him or her to get help from someone qualified.

Untreated depression is the

most common risk factor for suicide, according to [www.suicide.org](http://www.suicide.org). Usually, people become suicidal as a result of negative life experiences combined with the depression.

As [www.suicide.org](http://www.suicide.org) founder Kevin Caruso said, "Suicide can be prevented. Most people who are suicidal do not want to die; they just want to stop their pain."

Although no one was able to prevent the suicides at Cornell, help is available if you reach out.

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## letters to the editor

### Project Africa writer shows bias against Sodexo

I am writing to offer a rebuttal to (Rachel) Walsh's article in the Logos: "Sodexo at odds on Project Africa Fund-raiser."

I was at the same Food Services Committee meeting she attended with Ms. (Cisse) Drame, Mr. (Zack) Knight, Dr. (Renee) Moore and Mr. (Tony) Allen, and I feel her representation of the events of the meeting are biased, based on the fact that Ms. Walsh's article left out some important facts I think should be mentioned.

Mr. Allen did offer an explanation of how the meal-plan system works, and the difficulties regarding monetary donations from the meal plan, Ms. Walsh just did not report that information. She should have obtained a better understanding of how the meal-plan system works, and offered this information to her readers before she characterized Mr. Allen's response as "citing the technical difficulties of diverting funds from meal plans."

Ms. Walsh did not mention decisions regarding meal-plan money or donations from this money rests with Sodexo upper

management, not Mr. Allen. He also stated he has limited discretionary funds for charitable purposes, but that he would move the proposal forward. Dr. Moore patiently reiterated this fact, and said there would be further discussion because this was a decision that could not be made at the Food Services management level and that it would also require discussions with the VP of Finance & Technology. Both Dr. Moore and Mr. Allen explained that this was not something that could be accomplished immediately.

It was noted that Ms. Drame had spoken with Food Services last April regarding this issue, yet Mr. Allen was not the Food Services manager at that time. Characterizing this fact as being "met with resistance" is a bit of a stretch, unless she is privy to information she does not share with her readers.

In reporting her story, Ms. Walsh skewed her report with sympathies toward Project Africa, and has characterized Sodexo as being unresponsive to Project Africa's request. In reality, Proj-

ect Africa chose to present (its) request during the Food Services Committee meeting. This was an inappropriate forum, as the Food Services Committee is a forum for discussing menus, improving customer service, and finding solutions to food-service issues. Ms. Drame and Mr. Knight et. al, should have requested a private meeting with both Dr. Moore and Mr. Allen to discuss their proposal. I applaud Mr. Allen and Dr. Moore for allowing Project Africa to present their request and listen to their concerns.

I was very disappointed to see this article on the front page of the Logos as it tends to sensationalize Sodexo as an uncaring member of the UIW family. As a regular diner at all of the main campus dining facilities, I have found vast improvements in food choice, food quality and customer service since last year. Mr. Allen and his team have really turned the program around and should be applauded for their efforts.

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### Staged accident photo on point

In the February issue, there were some opinions on the (December 2009) photo (illustration showing the staged accident).

In particular there was one negative opinion by Michelle Lozoya stating it was wrong to put the picture on the front page because there was really no consideration for the families that did lose somebody in an accident similar to the one staged. She stated to put ourselves "in someone else's shoes" and imagine "how it would feel," if something like that happened to our loved one and we saw a picture like that.

I fully understand her point of view; however, I disagree with her. If we had lost someone because of something like that, wouldn't we want to show everyone else what could happen so they don't go through the same hurt that we

do? Wouldn't we want to get the word out and show how disastrous it can be?

I agree with (Logos Editor) Melissa Hernandez's opinion on how "this picture is worth 1,000 words." This picture can show that disaster with enough "gasps" to bring students awareness of what can really happen and not just keep it low. This picture captured many students' attentions and many read the story.

It might have been a gruesome picture but it can become real if we -- students or anyone in general -- don't listen to what is being cautioned or in this case, what many think hasn't been cautioned since it was barely this year that someone did something about the issue.

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# Current mood endangers America



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Anyone familiar with the American history of the last one hundred years ought to be worrying about the future of the country.

This is especially true when one compares what was going in America in the first 30 years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with what is taking place now in the first early decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The progressive movement of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century – the third wave of modern Liberalism (after the Jeffersonians, Lincoln and the radical Republicans up to 1878) – fought tirelessly to create an inclusive society that would share its blessings with all citizens. It reformed city hall by creating a non-partisan administrative commission of experts headed by a city manager (pioneered by Galveston, Texas), established city ownership of public utilities, including San Antonio's CPS and SAWS, pressured Congress to enact legislation to end the unfair practices of the business corporations, supported the franchise for women (19<sup>th</sup> Amendment), and fought to empower the federal government to protect the common good.]

Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes insisted "human rights should always take precedence over property rights" and that the Constitution does not embody any particular economic doctrine. The progressives also instituted the initiative, the referendum, and the direct primary to make it more difficult for state legislatures and party bosses to prevent reform. Theodore Roosevelt brought progressivism to the Executive: the Pure Food and Drugs Act (1906), to force drug companies to remove harmful ingredients such as alcohol (44 percent of some medicines) and cocaine (part of the Coca-Cola formula); the Elkins and Hepburn Acts (1903 and 1906), to rein in abusive railroad monopoly;

and the Meat Inspection Act, to put an end to the filthy practices of the meat industry, in the wake of Upton Sinclair's "muck-raking" exposé ("The Jungle," 1906). TR's "New Nationalism" called for the public welfare to always take precedence over individual or corporate property rights, proposed a graduated income tax, a tax on inheritances, workers' compensation laws, tighter government supervision of trusts, and regulation of women and child labor. Ironically, TR, the first to make full use of the president's "bully pulpit" to bring about reform, was viewed as too radical already in the election of 1908 and was forced out of the party by the "Old Republican Guard." W.H. Taft (1908-1912) backed legislation that established an eight-hour workday, the first tax ever on corporate profits, and a federal income tax. Disgusted, the Old Republican Guard gave him only lukewarm support in the election of 1912, when he came in third, after Woodrow Wilson and TR. It was then that the Republican Party said goodbye to reform, and it has been wedded to McKinleyism ever since. WW, a moderate progressive, created the Federal Reserve Bank, but was harshly criticized by Democrats, Republicans and businessmen for taking a "major step toward Socialism."

A pervasive syndrome of contemporary politics, highlighted and facilitated by the expansion of instant communications, is the perpetuation of popular myths and the fabrication of outright political lies or half-truths. To say that today's Republicans are the "Party of Lincoln" (the GOP: Grand Old Party) is a total misrepresentation of American history, a stubborn hanging-on to nothing but a myth, and an insult to the memory of AL. Another myth is that the Confederacy went to war in 1865 to defend its freedom against an invading North and that Reconstruction was nothing but a government of corrupt "carpetbaggers." This view was popularized in the movie "Birth of a Nation" (1915), based on "The Klansman," written by Baptist preacher

Thomas Dixon. It glorifies none else than the KKK's Grand Vizier William J. Simmons and his "courageous" bands of Klansmen who harassed and lynched blacks.

Then we have the myth of the "Roaring Twenties," a decade of total Republican control of the White House and Congress. A quite popular slogan of the time was that "America is a WASP country" (White, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant). It was the worst of times for African-Americans. An elderly Negro was hanged for stealing \$5 to buy food and Charles R. Drew, the founder of the Blood Bank, died because the medical team refused to give a Negro a transfusion of "white" blood. Paradoxically, the decade took the nickname of the "Jazz Age" after the most authentically original American music, a fruit of the genius of African Americans. It attracted large crowds to the theaters everywhere, but African Americans were not allowed to attend the concerts. Jews and Catholics were likewise denied equal rights everywhere (read "The Cardinal," the life story of Cardinal Cushing of Boston). The Senate was dubbed the "Rich Man's Club" because it was the playground of many Republican millionaires. The country wallowed through the inept administrations of Warren Harding (rated zero in the scale of American presidents), Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover until it fell head-on into the Depression. Congress reduced the tax on corporations and the glorification of wealth and Big Business went to the point of hailing Jesus of Nazareth as the founder of modern business methods ("The Man Nobody Knows," Bruce Barton, 1925). During the Depression, a poll revealed many Republicans thought it was OK to deny the right to vote to people living on welfare and even to deny them the right to go to church. The presumption was that if you lived on welfare, it was because you were lazy and sinful. Haven't we heard something similar quite recently?

Finally, the most blatant case of mythological lore is the one surround-

ing Ronald Reagan. The mourning that followed his passing and his funeral looked like Goddess America was enshrining one more of its saints. However, take a look at the facts of his presidency and you will discover he was more "stage lights and mirrors" than reality. He "played footsy" with the facts more than any other president in history (read Green & MacColl's "Ronald Reagan: Reign of Error," 1983), often displaying abysmal ignorance of world and American history, and sometimes simply not telling the truth. Although he never left the country during World War II, he told Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Simon Wiesenthal he had been with the American Signal Corps in World War II and had filmed the horrors of the Holocaust in the concentration camps. His "Lazarus Economics" amounted to "giving cake" to the rich and crumbs to the poor: 61 percent of his across-the-board tax cut of \$1.6 trillion went to the wealthy while the federal deficit ballooned eightfold. He called the 1964 Civil Rights Acts "a mistake" and a "humiliation" of the South, believed a person has the right to discriminate on account of color, favored tax exemption for Southern academies which refused admission to African-Americans, and blamed the assassination of Martin Luther King on African Americans who disobeyed the laws of the country (*New York Times*, Nov. 21, 1975).

All of this, however, pales in comparison with his role in the Iran-Contra Affair. When the details of the arms (TOW: wire-guided missiles) for hostages broke out Nov. 13, 1986, RR went on television and misled the American people. In fact, only 14 percent of the people believed he was telling the truth. In the end, 13 of his subordinates were convicted, including Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. His administration was the most corrupt in American history: 138 (some reports say 190) Reagan officials were investigated, indicted or convicted of criminal actions, defrauding the American taxpayer-

ers of some \$2 billion. If anything, he should have been impeached, for even Richard Nixon's Watergate scandal was mild by comparison. Trinity University Professor Emeritus Robert López Flynn recently warned us about "lionizing" RR while hiding and misrepresenting his record (*San Antonio Express-News*, Feb. 20, 2010).

Today's media gush out a steady stream of mythological tales and half-truths, leading "true believers" to organize themselves to defend their interests in the name of the Constitution, the supposed abuses of the federal government, and of imaginary threats of socialism or liberalism. It is the kind of climate that spawns crackpots and "loonies" such as the "Tea Partiers," the "Firsters" (they say President Obama is an illegitimate president contending he was not born in the United States), and the "Oath Keepers."

The latter group is made up of servicemen (15,000-plus already) who view our president as increasingly tyrannical and are ready to turn against their Army commanders if Obama declares martial law to impose his "socialist" policies. They are stockpiling arms, food and survival gear in the Idaho home of one of their comrades and promise to fight to the end to oppose new gun laws. Their founder is Stewart Rhodes, a Yale-educated lawyer, and one of their members is Maj. Gen. Albert Stubblevine, ex-chief of Army Intelligence; they have received praise from Glenn Beck, Lou Dobbs, Pat Buchanan and Georgia's Republican congressmen Phil Gingrey and Paul Brown (see the whole story in *Mother Jones*, March-April 2010).

No, I do not wish to end this in the negative, although we have come to the point that a well-known radio host recently advised Americans to withdraw aid from the federal government's effort to help the victims of Haiti's hurricane, and the terrorist who smashed his plane into Austin's IRS' quarters received accolades for making a point against government tyranny.

There are plenty of good things going on in America. Look at the example of Cleveland, empowering the poor and alleviating poverty with 10 new projects that bode well for the future. These include the Evergreen Cooperative Laundry, a worker-owned, industrial-size, thoroughly green operation that renders laundry services to the health industry; the Ohio Cooperative Solar, that installs solar panels in Cleveland's large nonprofit health, education and municipal buildings, and the Green City Growers, which operates a year-round hydroponic (growing of plants in nutrient solutions instead of geponics agriculture) food production in a 230,000-square-foot greenhouse (see *The Nation*, March 2010). They exemplify the many Americans who know the future belongs to those who dream and work toward a better, more caring nation. Calling the New Deal Fascism or Socialism, as RR and others have, and now labeling President Obama's efforts to shape a more inclusive society a threat to our Constitution or a socialist experiment, smacks of no more than electioneering ranting and raving.

Practically every major reform in America has been the fruit of liberalism. However, for too many people, anything that contradicts their views is anathema. True conservatism means preserving what is good for the nation, not returning to a past loaded with prejudice and resistance to reform. "Right-wing conservatives – said President Eisenhower – are the most divisive, corrosive force of American politics, the most ignorant people living in the United States" (in Longley et al., *Deconstructing Reagan*, ix). Unfortunately, they seem to have found a haven in the Republican Party. How strange that many of them call themselves "Christian!" Leonard Pitts, columnist of the Miami Herald, laments the current state of national politics: "To listen to talk radio, to watch TV pundits, to read a newspaper online message board, is to realize that increasingly, we are a people estranged from

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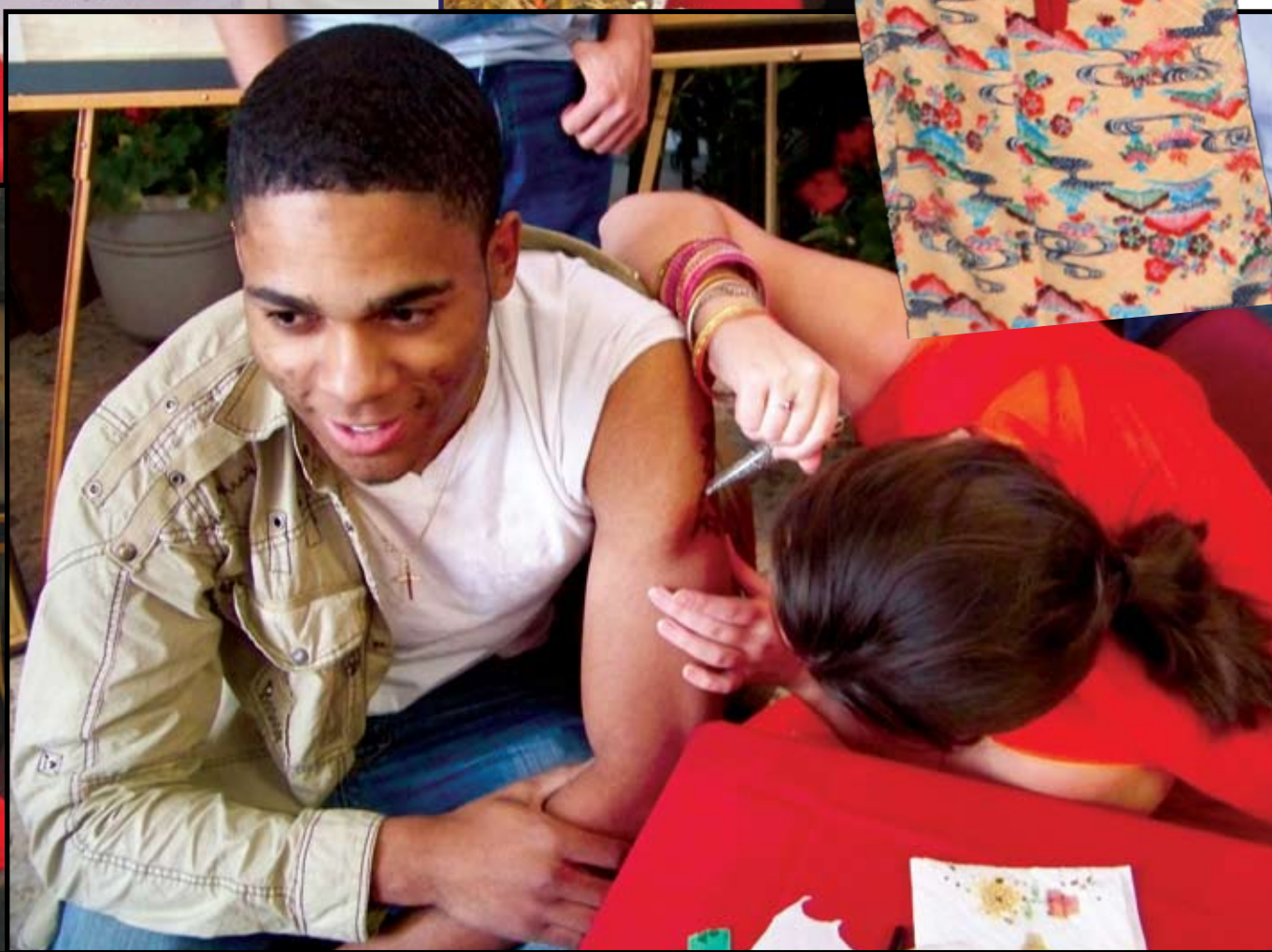
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## Swim-dive coach eyes national championship next year

By Jane Clare Vosteen  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

If you ask the head swimming and diving coach at the University of the Incarnate Word what his expectations are for next year, he doesn't pause for a second.

"National championship. On both," Coach Phillip Davis said. "Nothing less."

This may seem a tall order for a program that was just getting off of the ground four years ago but the performance of both teams at the national meet this year was nothing short of remarkable.

Twenty-eight members of the swim and dive team competed in Canton, Ohio, at the Division II National Championships for Swimming and Diving, March 11-14.

For the first time, the women's team from Incarnate Word made a national relay cut.

"Not only did we make one, we made four of the five," Davis said. "That was a big deal to me."

The only team seniors were Rachel Watson and Nora Szilagyi, who both participated in the relays.

Szilagyi is the team record-holder in the 200 breaststroke and hit the national mark in that event as well as in the 100 freestyle.

"She was my first real recruit," Davis said of Szilagyi. "Her making nationals this year was really special to me. As a senior she'll be really tough to replace."

Watson has competed in nationals all four years and holds school records for the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, and 200 IM. She competed on the 200 freestyle relay and 400 medley relay in addition to the 200 medley relay this year at nationals.

Losing these two swimmers means looking for recruits to pick

up the slack, Davis said.

"You can't replace Rachel Watson, not with one person," Davis said. "Every one of those relays that went to nationals, she's a huge part of."

The two seniors competed on the 200 medley relay with teammates Joy Turner and Tamiris Nascimento, both sophomores. They finished in the top 10, taking sixth place with a time of 1:44.83.

Nascimento also placed second in the 100 freestyle at 49.94 and fifth in the 50 freestyle at 23.39.

Turner took ninth in the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.37.

For the women's team, Lesley Murray also performed in top-10 style, placing fifth in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:03.47.

Thirteen women competed this year and earned the team 11th in the nation.

The men took 15 swimmers and divers to Canton and took second place overall.

Hard work and sacrifice paved the way for Incarnate Word.

"I think the most unique thing about this team is how hard they work," says Davis. "Individual to individual, we're probably the hardest-working team that I've ever been around in any sport."

Also important were the sacrifices swimmers made for the benefit of the whole team, especially two-time national champion in the 500 freestyle, junior Aliaksandr Yatsko.

"He did not balk at swimming a tougher lineup of events and really put his chances of repeating a third time in jeopardy," Davis said. "He had no problem with that. Whatever was best for the team. It's good to see so much teamwork."

Yatsko finished sixth in the 500 freestyle and top-10 in four indi-

vidual events including the 1000 freestyle, the 400 IM, and the 200 freestyle.

Teammate and freshman Conrado Chede claimed the 500 freestyle title. He won with a time of 4:29.30, making this the third straight year for UIW to take first in this event.

"I always wanted to go to a national championship in America," said Chede, a native of Brazil. "I wanted to win."

Chede also placed second in the 1000 freestyle and 1650 freestyle as well as finishing 10th in the 200 freestyle.

Swimmers Patrick Cardenas and Mark Rubin agree: "You have to show appreciation for the 500 freestyle."

Rubin placed fourth at nationals in the 500 as well as finishing top-10 in the 1000 and 1650 freestyle.

Rubin, Chede, Yatsko and Cardenas took third in the 800 freestyle relay with a time of 6:42.47.

All five of the men's relays finished in top-10 spots. Individual efforts also aided in the second-place finish for Incarnate Word and a young team bodes well for future competition. Justin McDonald, a freshman diver, placed fifth on the one-meter board with 476.05 points.

"We didn't lose a single guy from the swim part of it," Davis said. "All of our points are coming back."

"We've already signed a couple of good kids. We're already better than we were a year ago. We're hosting the meet at Palo Alto so there's nothing short of 'national championship' for our goals. Nothing less than a championship is going to do for us."

## Cardinals whip Rattlers, win conference

By Jane Clare Vosteen  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The tension in the air is palpable. Incarnate Word is falling to St. Mary's, down 63-65 with a final minute remaining on the clock. The Heartland Conference championship is on the line.

Every year the Cardinals duke it out against St. Mary's Rattlers. Before the championship game, their records against each other was 1-1. Earlier in the season the Cardinals lost on their home court for the first and only time when they faced the Rattlers.

The next game between the two cross-town rivals was on St. Mary's court. A one-hour delay at the beginning of the game has only added to the anxiety. Nerves are taut and the energy in the room simmers. The fans are rowdy and the players tired. Fouls have been the predominant theme of the game. With a minute left, foul shots have secured St. Mary's lead 63-61. A clutch layup by senior guard Pierce Caldwell keeps Incarnate Word in the game with 13 seconds left.

The Cardinals' imminent future looked bleak. Then, with two seconds left on the clock, Shaun Umeh runs the ball all the way down the court for a tying layup, sending the game into overtime and the Cardinals going on to win.

At the conference championship game, the energy builds. With the ball, St. Mary's has a very good chance of scoring and upsetting the No. 1 seed for the title. The crowd yells and the noise is fantastic. Then, with five seconds left, St. Mary's turns over the ball with the Cardinals set to inbound it.

The score is 63-63. Eric Stewart has possession. He dribbles. He shoots. And with no time left on the clock, the ball in the air and the crowd on its feet, Stewart scores. There will be no overtime for this game. Cardinals take home victory and another conference championship. The final score is 65-63 and Incarnate Word charges forward to the regional tournament.

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## CARDINAL COLLAGE



UIW was host to its first invitational track-and-field event, March 6 at Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium and FieldHouse complex.

Photos by Yesenia Salvidar and Marisa Ayon





# Cardinal football 2010 schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 28	LANGSTON STATE (Okla)	Benson Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	Open		
Sept. 11	@ SE Oklahoma	Durant, Okla.	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	Benson Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	TXA&M/KINGSVILLE	Benson Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	@ Midwestern State	Wichita Falls	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	@ E. Central Oklahoma	Ada, Okla.	6 p.m.
Oct. 16	ABILENE CHRISTIAN	Benson Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	@ Angelo State	San Angelo	6 p.m.
Oct. 30	WEST TXA&M HOMECOMING	Benson Stadium	2 p.m.
Nov. 6	@ Tarleton State	Stephenville	7 p.m.
Nov. 13	TXA&M/COMMERCE	Benson Stadium	2 p.m.



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The Cardinals practice the first day for spring. The second-year team will play its second spring game in April.



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## April home games calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Baseball vs. Texas A&M International 2:00 p.m.	3 Baseball vs. Texas A&M International 1:00 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9 Men's Tennis vs. Cameron 9:30 a.m. Women's Tennis vs. Cameron (Okla.) 9:30 a.m.	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Men's Tennis vs. Trinity 10:00 a.m. Women's Tennis vs. Trinity 10:00 a.m.
18	19 Men's/Women's Golf vs. Heartland Conference Championships	20 Men's/Women's Golf vs. Heartland Conference Championships	21	22	23 Baseball vs. Texas/Permian Basin 1:00 p.m. Softball vs. St. Edward's University 5:00 p.m.	24 Softball vs. St. Edward's University 1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Texas/Permian Basin Noon
25	26	27	28	29	30 Baseball vs. St. Edward's University 1:00 p.m.	



## Students 'die' in protest to death penalty policies

By Rachel Cywinski  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A week before Holy Friday, University of the Incarnate Word students joined with students from other local universities to "die" in Main Plaza downtown.

Each student stretched out on the Plaza to represent a person who had been executed by the state of Texas while student leaders read

statements from executed inmates and shared their own thoughts.

"I believe that all life is sacred whether it's unborn, young, old, innocent or guilty," UIW education major Sarah Hanson said about her reason for participating. "Everyone is special. In the Lord's eyes, they're people. We should learn to have mercy and compassion for

others, and the Lord has shown us the example. It's not easy."

Senior education major Sarah Tschoepe represented death row inmate Brian Keith Roberson, who was executed in August 2000.

"I'm glad that all the schools got together to help get rid of the death penalty, to make more people aware that innocent people are

killed," Tschoepe said. "It's a flawed system."

Participants from all the universities in San Antonio gathered at Main Plaza, the historical center of municipal San Antonio bordered by San Fernando Cathedral – the oldest cathedral in the nation – and Bexar County Courthouse where sentences are handed out. Student leaders held banners in front

of the cathedral while students laid down with their feet toward the courthouse.

Following the event, spectators were asked to extend their reflections about the crucifixion of Jesus on Holy Friday to the possibility that innocent people are executed in Texas.

Senior cultural and religious studies major Rose Caldwell, president of the

campus chapter of Humane Humans, said this event was "the first intercollegiate protest against the death penalty ever in San Antonio." She estimated there were about 10 participants from UIW.

Caldwell said, "The protest's aim was to inform the public about the horrible disparities seen with the death penalty and to promote abolishment."

## 'Advising Day' on its way



By Maggie Callahan  
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Advising Day for the summer and fall semesters is right around the corner, and it is infamously misused by UIW students.

For students who have attended UIW for an extended period of time, Advising Day can be a bit confusing. While some students actually use Advising Day efficiently, many feel the purpose of it is unclear. Are we to treat it as a student holiday, or is it supposed to help students register for classes?

After discussing the matter with quite a few students, it became apparent many of us really have no idea what Advising Day is about. In order to preserve the current relationships between students and their respective advisers, I will simply relate my findings to you without naming names or allocating blame.

Some of the students I spoke with have formed strong bonds with their advisers or with other professors in their department. These relationships help the students to gain perspective on where they are going with their degree and what steps they will need to get there. While certain departments have addressed the need for student-faculty support, others practice a more passive form of advising. Many students stated they only make contact with

their advisers one time a semester: right before or on Advising Day. When students only communicate with their advisers in order to get a PIN number and register on their own, problems arise. First of all, the adviser does not get the opportunity to do his or her job and assist the student. And most importantly, many students register for unnecessary classes or are unaware of changes made to the course catalogs, and end up taking longer than the standard eight semesters to graduate.

Obviously, students are the ones impacted by poor student-adviser relationships. One student stated: "My adviser just gave me my PIN and let me do things on my own. They were too busy to help me, and I ended up in a lot of classes that I didn't need." Another student commented: "My adviser did not understand that I could handle more than 12 hours. Every semester, they suggested I only take 12, when I could have handled more. By only taking that many a semester, I was forced to take summer school just so I could catch up and graduate in four years."

These findings were typical among all of the students I interviewed. When discussing the matter with students who have attended UIW for longer than two years, I found if they were unsatisfied with their adviser, they had taken matters into their own hands. One student, a senior who will graduate in May, said: "I actually switched advisers

after too many bad experiences with my previous advisers. I found someone who would really listen to me and help me, and that made all the difference."

While many of the students I spoke to had issues with their advisers, just as many had had positive experiences with Advising Day and with their advisers. One English major I spoke to said, "I really like Advising Day because all of the English professors are in one place, and I can ask all of my questions and really figure out what classes I need."

Others said the strong relationships they formed with the professors who taught classes they liked really helped the decision-making process. I was told more than once that interactions with advisers were overwhelmingly positive and really helped many students to stay focused, motivated and encouraged on the long road leading to graduation.

While certain schools focus on preparing their students for professional success (HEB School of Business, Feik Pharmacy School), others are now taking actions to prepare their students for graduate-level scholarship and dreaded application processes (such as the workshops and organizations the HASS office is now implementing for its students). It appears the university realizes the need for that "something extra" that can enhance a student's understanding and experience.

The looming issue is this:

is Advising Day necessary and successful? A majority of the students I spoke with stated they usually just used Advising Day as a holiday. Many of them made arrangements before Advising Day to get their PIN numbers and then registered themselves online.

This is a major concern to the Office of Student Success. Dean Sandy McMakin stated the purpose of assigning every student to an adviser is to "build a relationship," and that "advisers should be helping students see where they are

headed and show them how to get there."

On average, students at Incarnate Word are taking longer than four years to graduate, which concerns McMakin and her office. Their hope is that by training advisers to meet students' needs and by creating awareness about what services advisers offer, students can become more successful.

Overall, meeting with your adviser on a regular basis can only enhance your understanding and your overall experience at Incarnate Word.

If you do not feel you are getting enough input or consideration from your adviser, take the initiative to solicit opinions from other professors or advisers you are comfortable talking to. The best thing students can do is to gather as much information and help as they can rather than haphazardly choosing their classes.

The next Advising Day is Friday, April 16, and now might be the perfect time to start planning. Good luck!

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## Campus 'chills' at Cardinal Carnival

By Adalberto Sanchez  
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

Several University of the Incarnate Word students took in the annual Cardinal Carnival in celebration of Incarnate Word Day on Thursday, March 25, outside Anne Barshop Natatorium.

Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the carnival featured food, music, games and prizes.

"I think it has been a successful event," said Lyndsey Reyna, vice president of

external affairs for CAB. "We got a bigger turnout than expected."

The bungee jump and rock-climbing wall appeared to be the biggest attractions, Reyna said.

Student Antoinette Lopez thought the attractions "seem like they're for high school students. I can tell they went through a lot of trouble though. The food seems good."

The free food included snow cones, funnel cake and popcorn.

"I think this event is great," said student David Joseph Gres. "It brings students and faculty together in celebration of Incarnate Word Day. Plus the bungee jump thing looks tight. The best part though is definitely the popcorn. I think this is an improvement from last year."

KUIW DJs played hip-hop, electro and top 40s music.

"I think the music is the best part," said student Julie Saphnor. "I'm

biased though. I'm here with KUIW. But really everything seems fun. I might hit up the rock climb later though. Or that baby sling."

The carnival is a dry event and students aren't encouraged to bring their own beverages. However, midway through the four-hour event, talk of a possible secret keg began to circulate.

"Apparently the jocks have it hidden," said student Matt Hilding. "You need to be one of them or go through some type of initiation to access the booze. I wouldn't go through all the trouble of finding it though. Those kids seem lame."

Jane Clare Vosteen checked out the carnival after track practice. "The carnival seems good so far," she said. "There are a lot of little kids around though. Like, where did they all come from?"

Along the carnival's midway were booths that housed games such as darts and bowling. Prizes included stuffed animals and movie tickets. A raffle was



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The rock-climbing wall was a popular attraction for the Cardinal Carnival, also being held with three grand prizes.

"This event was better than last year's," said student Alicia Gomez. "Last year nobody showed up. It was just the same clique of frat guys. But there are way more people around now. This event is getting popular I guess."

CAB already plans on bringing back the bungee

jump and rock-climbing to next year's carnival along with at least two more special attractions, Reyna said.

"Every year the event gets bigger," Reyna said. "We are going to need to accommodate the potential demand. I've heard that compared to last year, we really grew and attracted way more students."



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Several students tried their hand and feet making bungee jumps in the area surrounding Barshop Natatorium.

## Parade draws noontime crowd

By JoAnn Jones  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Faculty, staff and students watched and cheered on decorated golf carts along the walkway in front of Jordan Clock during the fourth annual Golf Cart Parade of Values, an Incarnate Word Day tradition.

"The parade is about getting student organizations and different departments together to celebrate," said Chaye Pena, assistant director of leadership activities. "It's a fun way to celebrate."

Thirteen golf carts competed in three different categories to win a prize. First-place winners in each category, as determined by the judges, were awarded a \$125 cash prize for their respective organization.

"We had five judges that were chosen from around the campus; faculty, administrators, staff," Pena said. "They had a sheet [comprised] of a point system. Depending on the category, they graded [the carts] based on their decorations and how they fit within their category," said Pena.

The three categories were "mission focus," "most creative" and "school spirit." First in the mission focus category was

STARS, while the Engineering Club took first in the most creative category with their Iron Man theme. First in the school spirit category was Residence Life with its interpretation of Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Machine.

Each organization was given one hour before the event to put their golf cart together, Pena explained. For most of the finished products, however, careful planning happened ahead of time. Members from Alpha Phi Omega said they began planning and designing their golf cart design at least a week ago. They said their theme infused the APO mission of friendship, leadership and service with "To Write Love on Her Arms," a non-profit movement to prevent suicide.

"I think that our golf cart [was] a good representation of our organization," said 19-year-old Marisa Ayon, a senior biology major. "We all agreed that it was representative of us and it stuck with our mission of what we wanted to tell the rest of the school. It also gave us a chance to bond with each other and represent us to the school, which is a big part of what the parade is all about."

This was the first year APO had a golf cart in the parade and hoped the experience would help the organization get its feet wet, said Ayon.

"We had an idea of what we were doing, but being our first year in the parade, we weren't quite sure what to expect," Ayon said. "But I think



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The annual Golf Cart Parade featured a variety of campus organizations vying for best-decorated vehicles in a noontime procession around campus.

we worked pretty well together. We were able to bounce ideas off of each other. If one person had an idea, we were able to add on to it."

Along with APO, the Campus Activities Board also appeared for the first time in the parade. Its theme was based on the Cardinal Carnival, an event CAB hosted later that afternoon.

CAB's main goal, however, was not to win the parade, but to get the word out, said senior education major Sarah Tschoepe, a second-year CAB member.

"We usually have the

carnival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. But now this year it is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., so we decided to participate this year to advertise for the carnival," said Arianna Ingle, a junior communication arts major who drove the cart.

Tschoepe, a resident assistant, said she had previously participated in the parade with Residence Life, winning first place both times. She said this was her first year participating in the parade with CAB.

"It was fun working together [with CAB]. We usually work together for everything," said

Tschoepe.

The organizations, though, were not the only ones enjoying the event. Students and faculty cheered along the parade as it passed by.

"I like the enthusiasm of the people in the cart," said senior Burt Ramos said.

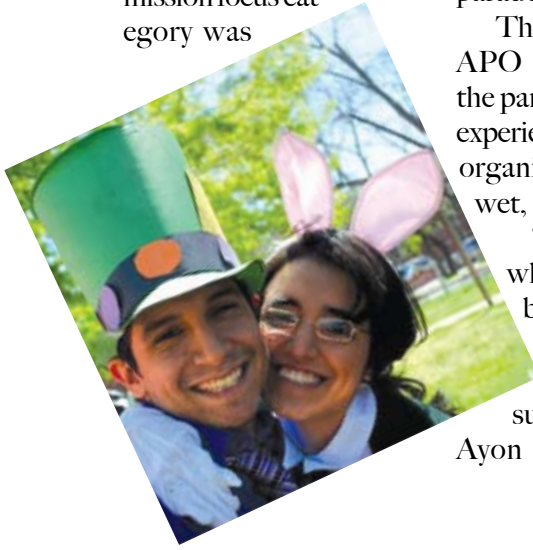
"I think it is a really fun event and it brings a lot of people out," said UIW Chancellor Sister Helena Monahan.

Monahan said she was very impressed with the golf carts this year, having attended the Golf Cart Parade in previous years.

"I really think they were so pleased. Every single one of them was very good. You can't do too much with the golf cart, but they showed a lot of different ways of [decorating] it," Monahan said.

Ultimately, the parade brought the participants and audience together for a common goal of fun and enjoyment.

"I know that it brings groups together and it creates a sense of competition, so that always brings a lot of fun to people," Pena said. "When there is competition, there is always fun behind it."







## CCVI Spirit Awards

# Reininger receives top honor

### Century bond ties recipient with Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

For Peter Reininger, superintendent of heating, venting and air conditioning at the University of the Incarnate Word, his family history is tied somewhat with the university's founders.

Reininger heard the story again during a liturgy for Incarnate Word Day in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word where he received the 2010 CCVI Spirit Award. The award, which he can keep for a year, is crafted of wood from the door of the old chapel by UIW grant writer Robert Sosa, who is also an artist.

UIW Chancellor Helena Monahan, a former congregational coordinator for the order, related the Reininger story for the crowd gathered Thursday afternoon, March 25, in the chapel.

"The story begins with Peter's grandparents, Cy and Viola Collins," Monahan said. "Cy's mother died and he was brought to St. John's Orphanage to live with the Sisters in 1898. When the old Motherhouse was built shortly after that, Cy began to work there. He learned how to do many things. It was at the Motherhouse that Cy met Viola who had lived in St. Joseph's Orphanage with the Sisters from the time she was

4. She learned to sew and worked for the Sisters, helping make the habits that they then wore. Cy and Viola fell in love and were married, with, of course, the permission of the Mother Superior!

"Cy and Viola lived in a small house which the Sisters had built for them. It was on a small plot between the Motherhouse Chapel and Central Market. The setting was very pastoral. Near the house was a barn and a lovely field of flowers which the Sisters grew for the Chapel and for special occasions. Cy and Viola were blessed with five children, one of whom was Margaret. Margaret grew up, fell in love, and married a dashing young man named Marvin Reininger."

From that union, eight children were born: four boys and four girls. Marvin Reininger, the father, began working for Incarnate Word in 1962 as director of physical plant and maintenance

who often enlisted the boys from time to time to help him on the campus. His wife, Margaret, served for a time as the switchboard operator.

But former alumni director Dick McCracken, who emceed the award ceremony, recalled seeing the Reininger boys helping out their father often on campus.

"My earliest memories of the Reininger family were the five of them in boots, covered in mud,

repairing a broken water line, or combating spring flow that was not supposed to get that high. Or steam heat lines," McCracken said.

Peter Reininger, then a 16-year-old redhead, would help his father out after school in particular.

"The young ladies in residence soon learned (Peter's) schedule and on those days there would be a rash of bad faucets, electric problems, stuck windows, etc...knowing that Mar-

vin would send Peter to the rescue," McCracken said.

But Peter Reininger's eye fell on one particular student he later married. His wife, Nancy, graduated from then-Incarnate Word College and later joined the education faculty. Their daughter, Heather, is also an alum.

Peter Reininger has worked full time for Incarnate Word the past 11 years, fulfilling a dream he had of working at the university.

"Peter always hoped he would work for Incarnate Word, and after years in the plumbing/air-conditioning business his wish came true," McCracken said. "And who knows how much Peter has saved doing the plumbing details for new buildings generally reserved for the general contractor."

"And like always, on or off campus, your problem was his problem, and

to this day he continues to look after two elderly neighbors. Always there with a ready smile, endless patience, subtle humor, and ready to serve, wherever and whenever."

Chancellor Monahan said she was speaking "on behalf of all of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and the University community" in thanking "the Reininger family for over 100 years of friendship and for so many gifts — especially today for the gift of Peter."

Reininger told the Logos he wanted to thank Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president, and facilities director Steve Heying "for allowing me to join the university 11 years ago and be a part of the community and its mission."

"Winning the award was really a surprise and quite a humbling experience. I would like to thank the committee for selecting me for this award. I also would like to thank all of the people with whom I work with on a daily basis for making me a better person. I hope I can live up to the high standards you have set for me to uphold."

## Gabriela 'Gabby' Valdez's cited for living 'the mission'

The CCVI Student Spirit Award is the "highest award a student can achieve at the University of the Incarnate Word," the director of University Mission and Ministry said at a liturgy.

The liturgy where Elisabeth Villarreal made the statement took place Thursday, March 25, on Incarnate Word Day before she announced the recipient, senior Gabriela M. "Gabby" Valdez, a religious studies major.

Villarreal said Valdez, 22, exemplifies all of the five tenets of the mission: Faith, Innovation, Truth, Education and Service.

"Gabby like many who enter college started with one degree in mind only to discover it was not the one God had in mind," Villarreal said. "With the excellent guidance of her academic advisers and through her experiences as a resident assistant and a peer minister, Gabby's search for truth has led her to her true calling."

Villarreal said her calling is "deeply embedded in Gabby's very nature." According to her nomination: "Gabby has sought to serve the Church (which for Gabby translates to everyone she encounters) in a variety of ways ... with the gospel values of the Church and the university values. Gabby is truly a servant-

leader. She is described by her residents as caring, compassionate, and always ready to help. She has accompanied residents to the hospital at all hours of the day; brought Bible Study to her hall; facilitated community service projects for her residents and fellow resident assistants. As a (senior resident assistant), she is a mentor and a role model for her team.

As a peer minister, Gabby is a respected, dedicated leader and confidant. She is effervescent — her bubbly personality is contagious. And anyone who has encountered her can attest to this. She is always looking out for others. Gabby lives the mission through her very being. This past fall she joined Alpha Phi Omega the service fraternity because it resonated with her innate call to service."

Valdez, who plans to pursue a graduate degree in counseling, wants to "work with those whose hearts and spirits are in turmoil," Villarreal said. "With Christ as her constant companion, Gabby will carry the spirit of the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and the university to everyone she touches."

Valdez, a native of Los Angeles who has called Harper, Texas, in the Hill Country between Fredericksburg and Kerrville since she was 7, shared her feelings to the Logos about receiving the award.

"Words cannot express how I feel," Valdez said. "I never imagined myself receiving this honor. I am just an ordinary student who just wants to be able to touch people's lives by the simplest things in life, such as a smile or a helping hand. There have been many people who have touched my life and made an impact by such actions. This inspires me to do the same, and it brings me such joy and happiness that I can make a difference."



YESENIA CALOCA/LOGOS STAFF  
Peter Reininger, left, his daughter, Heather Kelley, wife Nancy, and their grandson, Brayden Kelley, 3.



YESENIA CALOCA/LOGOS STAFF  
Gabriela 'Gabby' Valdez, left, listens to Elisabeth Villarreal, director of University Mission and Ministry, give her praise.



# Trio from Brussels to perform selection from UIW professor

A group from Brussels will play a piece composed by a University of the Incarnate Word music professor in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9.

The Thelema Trio, billed as “an unusual ensemble that believes in music without boundaries,” will perform in Palestrina Hall on the second floor of Dougherty Fine Arts Center.

“They are a pre-eminent new music group from Brussels, Belgium, dedi-

cated to playing new music of living composers,” said Dr. Kenneth Metz, the UIW music professor whose piece will be among the trio’s repertoire. “(The trio) are excellent musicians who perform very well together.”

The trio is made up of Marco Antonio Mazzini, Peter Verdonck and Ward De Vleeschhouwer who perform on piano, clarinet and saxophone. The members met at the Conservatoire of Music.



The Thelema Trio was invited to perform in Palestrina Hall of the Dougherty Fine Arts Building by a professor.

# Review: ‘Evening on Broadway’ entertaining, tasty, beautiful



By Alyssa Walker  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Marian Ballroom was transformed into a romantic restaurant March 6 for the annual “Evening on Broadway” fund-raiser sponsored by the Cardinal Chorale.

A beautiful water fountain was in the middle of the room and plants decorated with bright lights to set the atmosphere for the night. When you first walked in, the room was filled with happy, fast-paced tunes played live by the house band, whose members were apparently undecided on a name. It was obvious they had been playing music together

for more than just a few late weekend nights. Salad and spaghetti were on the menu, but it is easy to say the audience couldn’t wait to finish the meal so they could rush off to the dessert table to indulge in cookies, red velvet cupcakes and an assortment of other mouth-watering delights.

The rest of the night was filled with multiple

beautiful acoustic love songs played by UIW students. Russell Anthony, Taylor Fox, Caroline Garcia and Monica Hernandez were just a few of the performers. Dennis Perez, however, changed the night’s theme when he put on an entertaining show playing the infamous song, “Poker Face,” by that crazy woman, Lady Gaga. He even wore an outfit the rebel-

lious fashion icon would most likely borrow. Alicia Cabellero, who said she’s called “Selena” by her family, sang and danced to “Como La Flor” by the famous Latina singer.

If you are deeply depressed that you missed this amazing event, don’t beat yourself up about it. “Evening on Broadway” is a fundraiser the chorale has been doing for 10 years. See you next year!

## April Movies

compiled by April Lynn Downing

**April 2**  
**Clash of the Titans**  
Rated: Not Yet Rated  
Genre: Action  
Look for: Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson

**Why Did I Get Married Too**  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Comedy  
Look for: Janet Jackson, Tyler Perry

**April 9**  
**Date Night**  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Comedy  
Look for: Steve Carell, Tina Fey

**The Runaways**  
Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Look for: Dakota Fanning, Kristen Stewart

**April 16**  
**Death at a Funeral**  
Rated: R  
Genre: Comedy  
Look for: Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence

**April 23**  
**The Back-up Plan**  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Romantic Comedy  
Look for: Jennifer Lopez, Alex O’Loughlin

**April 30**  
**A Nightmare on Elm Street**  
Rated: Not Yet Rated  
Genre: Horror  
Look for: Jackie Earle Haley



# Happy Birthday: KUIW turns 5 years old



Erica Mendez  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Happy Belated Birthday KUIW.org! Yes, I said it, Happy Birthday!

KUIW.org turned 5 years old on March 23, 2010, and to celebrate, we partied. I say “we” in a reference to all past and present volunteers, DJs, officers and administrators who have helped make KUIW what it is today — epic.

It’s been one heck of a rollercoaster since I took the position as music director in May ‘09. It’s an honor, privilege, and one great story to tell. In fact, did you know that as a radio station we’ve grown about 90 percent due to our sports broadcasting, awesome DJ talent and the expanded music and time slots? We’ve done it all. And to look at how close the year is to an end, I’m already beginning to have tears in my eyes.

But back to the real reason for this article: to celebrate five years of KUIW. It began with just an idea in ‘05 where several com-

munication art students, like Samantha Duncan (maybe you’ve heard of her? She’s now working at KISS 99.5FM) who all had the crazy idea to make an online college radio station. Wait, did I say crazy? I meant genius.

KUIW has prospered with listeners from countries such as Germany, China, Mexico and Canada and from other U.S. cities such as Chicago, Austin and Dallas. Because of this, we even get interviews from various artists. Such artists that have been interviewed by KUIW (either by a DJ, volunteer or an officer), are Texas natives Ratarue and Young Classic, Canada-bred Ty Hall & the EZ3, and ‘80s legend Fred Schneider (of the B52s and his new side project, The Superions). That’s not even the entire list of artists KUIW has been able to interview. Trust me, it keeps getting larger.

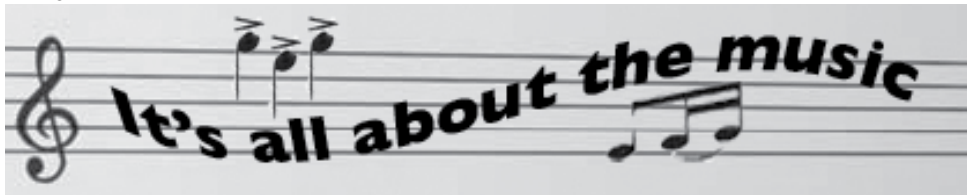
And on the note on getting larger, KUIW has been making a huge splash of on-campus events, from helping out with the alumni and tailgates, admission events and student organization events. (One of

our goals for the school year included making sure that KUIW was known by its student population, and we’ve done a great job on it!)

This has all been possible by the dedicated DJs, volunteers, music listeners, and our radio directors, Hank McDonnell (general manger), Nate Lopez (operations director), Alicia “Allie” Caballero (program director), Jessica Clark (underwriting director), Troy Miles (sports director) and ...me? Yes, it’s because of everyone, and KUIW wouldn’t be where it is this year without everyone’s help.

SO....Happy Belated Birthday, KUIW! It’s been an honor serving you as music director. Here’s to another year. Blow the candles out and remember, take it easy once in a while, you’ll only get older and wiser as the years go by, but we’ll have the memories for many years to come. Anyways, being 5 is overrated. Wait till you’re 21.

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## Child play advocates to lead UIW meeting

Three proponents of child play will speak at a "Saving Children: A Reform Movement for the 21st Century" conference beginning at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

The conference, sponsored by the Dreeben School of Education, will feature Dr. Joe Frost, the Parker Centennial Professor Emeritus from the University of Texas-Austin; Joan Almon, executive director of the U.S. Alliance for Childhood; and Tom Norquist, past

president of the International Play Equipment Manufacturer's Association.

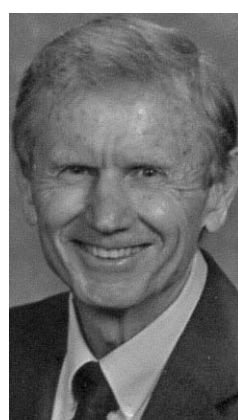
Frost will speak 1-2 p.m. on "The History of Children's Play and Play Environments; Almon from 2-3 p.m. "Crisis in Kindergarten: Why Children Need to Play In School" from an alliance recent report; and Norquist from 3 to 4 p.m. on "Voice of Play,"



Tom Norquist



Joan Almon



Dr. Joe Frost

an informative website on play.

Dr. Mary Ruth Moore, an education professor at UIW, called Frost "one of our nation's greatest play advocates."

He's a man who "has devoted his life to the child's right to play," she stressed.

Almon, a former Waldorf early childhood educator, leads an alli-

ance which has been focusing on the restoration of play in children's lives, both in preschool and kindergarten and in parks, neighborhoods and wilderness settings, Moore said.

Almon co-authored the alliance's recent report, "Crisis in the Kindergarten: Why Children Need to Play in School." She was formerly a Waldorf early childhood educator who taught for 18 years

in Maryland and then consulted with schools around the world.

Norquist, a founding board member of the manufacturer's association, serves on the board for the International Playground Contractor's Association and formerly served on the Advisory Board for the National Program for Playground Safety.

A Playfest reception from 3:15 to 4 p.m. in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of the library will be climax of the conference.

## Understanding your attitudes, decisions regarding technology



By Phil Youngblood  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

There are more tigers in Texas than there are in the wild worldwide.

In the United States there are now more women than men both in colleges and employed. Saudi Arabia ships more oil to China than to the United States. And China is looking seriously at the Arctic Ocean for resources to sustain its growing economy. The world is clearly changing.

This is the second in my series on "computer literacy" and the lesson is about our attitudes towards change, technology, ourselves and others and the choices we make as a consequence.

Yes, the world is changing, but it always has been. It is partly because computer technology enables us to be more connected to the world

and to a larger piece of it, that the changes appear more pronounced to us. You now have to choose to be isolated or ignorant of the world. Yet, the irony is those who love to be connected may feel at times the world is changing too quickly and they may sometimes feel too connected (and some people may actually be too connected).

The first and most important lesson of "computer literacy" is that technologies are nothing but tools and we make choices about whether to use them and how. Our choices have nothing to do with technology but with our attitudes and feelings, and we need to understand these better to know why we make the choices we do about technology.

For example, if you are a "digital native" who grew up using computer technology, you may feel using it is a personal and social necessity. You are likely to look forward to each new development and feel that

using computer technology is more natural, gives you more options, enables you to do more and is faster than alternatives. But nevertheless, you are making the choice to use computer technology in lieu of other means of socializing, communicating or gathering and processing information.

At the other attitude extreme, more common if you did not grow up with computer technology, you may be confused or even scared to use it (for various reasons), you may feel new technologies arrive too quickly; that computers get in the way of "more natural" means of socializing, communicating and gathering and processing information; and those who use these technologies are missing something. You may choose to ignore technological changes, avoid using computer technologies because traditional methods work just fine for you, welcome focusing on one thing at a time and feel the world is changing too fast.

If you live the Serenity Prayer (knowing what you can change, courageously changing what you can and accepting the rest) and you have some understanding of your needs and of human nature, then you may have less prob-

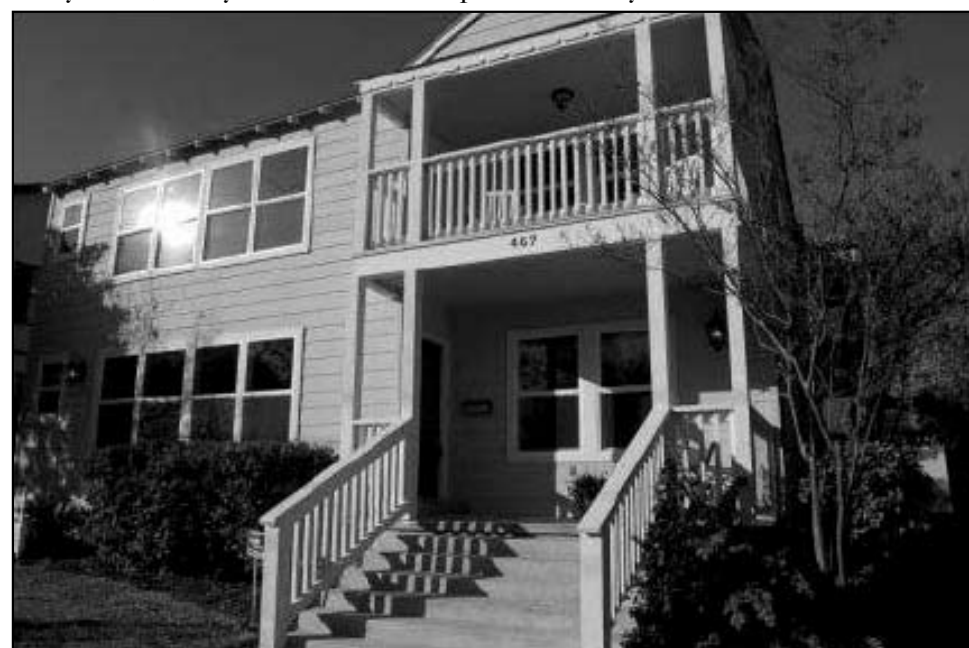
lem with the volume and content of information available to us today. You know what you need to filter out and when; how to ignore obvious scams, irrelevant ads and chatter and intrusive or obnoxious people; and you know how to control your own behavior. If you have a healthy attitude about who you are, then you are

less likely to become an information or social "junkie" and abuse computer technology, choosing instead to strike a healthy balance between the physical and virtual worlds. In other words, you know how to use technology responsibly. All you need to know is security – the next lesson.

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means more than just what to click when. I hope you will find this series interesting and useful. I invite feedback and dialogue.

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